

Charles S. Willett.
March 14th, Charles S. Willett, in the 77th year of his age. It is a saying, right and proper, to speak good words of those gone from among us, but where are there words good enough to fill the full measure of justice to the memory of this great bowed man. To say that he was just and generous, kind and sympathetic, a loving, devoted husband, an eloquent father, an exemplary, consistent Christian, the best of friends and neighbors, are only tame expressions that may be said of many others. This man was all this and something more. Who that grasped his hand did not feel the magnetic influence that emanated from his genial nature, and proclaimed him to be one of nature's noblemen, and a courteous and good man, to be always trusted in all conditions of life, without recommendation or reference?

Perhaps no better tribute to his memory can be paid than the oft-repeated remark of his neighbors, "he's a nice man," and the instantaneous and unhesitating reply, "he is a nice man." Content to rich and poor alike, he seemed the very embodiment of all the attributes that pertain to the character of a true gentleman. His kindly manner captivated all who came in contact with him and each and all distinctly felt that *sincerity* was a crown of glory on the brow of Charles S. Willett. If the good wishes of his friends and neighbors could help him when he has gone, a high seat among the best that have lived or eaten would be awaiting him. Plain and unassuming in life, no doubt he has now heard the call to go up higher.

He died his neighbor as himself. His watchword was—*be true, and do to others as you would, that they should do to you.*

A FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR.

A Tribute to the Memory of the late Thomas Parsons Poe.

The death of Mr. Poe is one of the saddest taking away from our midst which can be remembered. Just budding into manhood, with prospects of more than usual success looming up before him in his future career, to be cut off so suddenly, it seems almost unreal. His duties calling him away from town so frequently during his short residence here, he was known to very few. To those, however, he endeared himself by many noble and estimable traits of character.

His generous heart was always tender to the needs of humanity; nor did rest there. His hands distributed liberally to alleviate want. No appeal was treated lightly. His life was filled with charity towards all, as well as an attestation of the truth that an honest man is the noblest work of God.

The tender regard and loving affection of his comrades in Essex No.

I proved their appreciation of him in his association with him.

BLOOMFIELD, MARCH 21, 1888.

Bloomfield Council, O. A. F.

Chartered.

It is with feelings of sincere regret and deep sorrow that we learn of the death of our member, Isaac F. Johnson.

The first fireman in Bloomfield to join the Order, and a charter member of this Council, he was ever ready to forward its interests, and won the esteem and respect of his comrades by his devotion to the interests of the Department and Council of which he was a member.

Indeed, that deplored the loss of a friend and comrade, we extend our sympathy to those nearer to him, in loss of husband, father and son.

Believe that the foregoing be engraved on a memorial page in our many books, be published in The Bloomfield Citizen, and that a copy be forwarded to his widow and brother.

Annual School Meeting.

An annual school meeting was held according to announcement on Tuesday evening, the 20th inst. There was an unusually large attendance. Clerk of the School Board, Mr. Wm. A. Baldwin, called the meeting to order and read the call, "Voting object: Rev. A. C. Frissell was chosen chairman and Mr. Wm. A. Baldwin secretary. The following names were chosen in nomination for election to the Board of School Trustees, to fill vacancies caused by expiration of the terms of Mr. George S. Hartman and Dr. W. H. White. Mr. H. Pack, Mr. Theo. H. Ward, Mr. A. L. Estey, Rev. Dr. W. F. Stubbart, Dr. H. Bailey. These several names were voted on, different tickets, giving the assembling the appearance of being voted in factions. The first ticket might be termed a township ticket, recognizing the different sections of the town, and here the names of the first mentioned candidates. A second ticket appeared to be mostly a central ticket, the two last mentioned candidates whose names it bore residing near the Central School. The third ticket was exclusively a Watsessing ticket, so named for the names of Messrs. Pitch and Lederly. During the time allotted for the preparation of ballots an endeavor was made to draw out some remarks from the trustees with regard to the school. Mr. Baldwin on behalf of the board re-

quested a text from which to make a few specific remarks. None being off record, Superintendent C. M. Davis and Dr. W. F. Stubbart indulged in a few general remarks in relation to public schools. Ballots were ready Messrs. Walter Freeman, Geo. W. Cook, C. E. McDowell and James Foster were appointed tellers. The vote resulted as follows: Rev. Dr. F. H. Pitch, 95; A. H. Edgerly, 58; Rev. Dr. W. F. Stubbart, 49; Dr. Charles H. Bailey, 47; Mr. T. H. Ward, 37. The Board is now composed as follows: Messrs. Oakes, Edmund A. Smith, Wm. Baldwin, Samuel Peloubet, F. H. Pitch and A. H. Edgerly.

Town Committee.

Messrs. Thomas Oakes, R. N. Dodd, Walter S. Freeman, Geo. W. Cook and Stanford Farrand, the gentlemen who compose the newly elected Town Committee, met at the Committee's rooms on Wednesday evening.

The preliminaries connected with organization were gone through. Mr. Thomas Oakes the chairman of last year's Committee, was re-elected to that position. The following sub-committees were appointed: Roads, Dodd and Cook; Soldiers' Burial Plot, Farrand and Dodd; Water, Cook and Freeman; Gas, Freeman and Cook; Crosswalks, Dodd and Farrand; Public Grounds, Dodd and Farrand; Police, Cook and Farrand; Fire, Freeman and Cook; Sidewalks, Freeman and Cook; Poor and Poor House, Farrand and Dodd; Auditing Committee, Freeman and Farrand; Town Council, H. E. Richards; Town Physician, Dr. J. Edward Stubbart; Township Surveyor, W. H. V. Reimer; Mr. Samuel Baxter was duly sworn in as a member.

Collector A. C. Marr, Town Clerk E. F. Farrand and Overseer of Poor C. L. Voorhees, filed their required bonds. Constables James Foster, John V. Smith, George Cadmus, Benj. F. Baldwin and Theo. Harvey presented the necessary vouchers, duly attested. Robert Williams was appointed special constable at Morris Place, and Thomas W. Smith at the cemetery.

George Thomas, of Morris Place; W. J. Williamson, Montgomery; James Berry, West End; A. H. Kent, Franklin street, were appointed poundsmasters. William J. Baldwin was accorded the privilege of drawing water from hydrants for street sprinkling.

A number of bills incurred for election expenses were ordered paid. Hubert J. Ashley and others were recompensed for labor performed in clearing sidewalks. It was decided to meet next Wednesday evening and organize the Board of Health.

Mr. Thomas Albinson, Jr., of Hill street desired to know what the Committee had done with a petition for gas lamps, that had been sent in nearly a year ago. Mr. Albinson called the Committee's attention to the fact that many subsequent petitions from other sources for gas lamps had been granted, while that from Hill street was neglected.

The Committee were informed that the sidewalk across the Second River Bridge on Bloomfield avenue, was in bad condition. It was surmised that a portion of the arch had given way and that there was great danger of the whole structure tumbling. It was resolved to immediately call the attention of the County Road Board to the matter.

The Road Committee was empowered to purchase broken stone, for the purpose of filling the rut on Upper Broad street.

On motion of Mr. Farrand, Engineer Reimer was instructed to make a profile map of Berkeley avenue and establish grade. At the suggestion of Mr. Dodd Watsessing avenue and Canal street were included.

The wretched condition of many of the street crossings, especially the one at Liberty and Broad streets was discussed.

The attention of the Committee was called to the serious damage being done to the roadway of Upper Broad street, near the Bay Avenue bridge. The course of a stream flowing through the property of Mr. Augustus Morris had been changed and was now washing away the filling of the roadway. The Road Committee was empowered to look after the matter, and take measures to remedy it. A large number of bid for fire, police, and poor purposes, were ordered paid.

The Committee on Public Grounds desired to know what action the Committee proposed to take with regard to the elm trees surrounding the Park. The Village Improvement Association had already applied the sulphur remedy for preventing the ravages of the elm beetle. They had been ordered to stop, pending action of the Town Committee.

There was considerable difference of opinion with regard to the effectiveness of the sulphur remedy, among the Committee. It was finally decided to subject twenty trees to it. The vote, however, was not unanimous.

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